



**Senate Bill No. 115**

**Public Act No. 14-102**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS CREATED BY SPECIAL ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 1 of special act 07-6 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors, a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter, one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Stamford. At the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this

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subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district, whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon giving notice as provided in this subdivision. Any special meeting called on the application of the voters shall be held not later than twenty-one days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by publication of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a general circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of such meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which notice shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the business to be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less, may petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven or more than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district meeting or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of directors, or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same

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manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence, the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present, discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 2 of public act 05-289 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors, a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter, one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Bridgeport. At the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three

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members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district, whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon giving notice as hereinafter provided. Any special meeting called on the application of the voters shall be held not later than twenty-one days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by publication of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a general circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of such meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which notice shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the business to be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less, may petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven or more than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district meeting or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of directors, or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such

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meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence, the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present, discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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